

SIDS in Louisiana

Louisiana has one of the highest SIDS death rates in the country. In Louisiana of the babies that died of SIDS:

- ❖ Only half were placed to sleep on their backs
- ❖ More than half of their mothers smoked
- ❖ More than half usually slept in bed with their parents and/or siblings

Number and Rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) by Year, Louisiana, 1990-2001

Year of SIDS Death	Number of SIDS Deaths	SIDS Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births
1990	90	1.2
1991	97	1.3
1992	92	1.3
1993	87	1.3
1994	75	1.1
1995	60	0.9
1996	73	1.2
1997	94	1.4
1998	72	1.1
1999	68	1.0
2000	55	0.8
2001	66	1.0

Total Number of Deaths: 929

Source: Vital Statistics of Louisiana, LA Child Death Review Panel 1999 Report; Child Death Review Panel, 2001 Annual Report, Louisiana SIDS Program

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SIDS Death Rates per Year in Louisiana Compared to the United States

Year	U.S.	LA
1990	1.3	1.2
1991	1.3	1.3
1992	1.2	1.3
1993	1.2	1.3
1994	1.0	1.1
1995	0.9	0.9
1996	0.8	1.2
1997	0.8	1.4
1998	0.7	1.2
1999	0.8	1.0
2000	0.6	0.8
2001	0.5	1.0

*Rates per 1,000 live births

SIDS Rates by Public Health Region

Region	Three Year Average Rates 1999-2001
Region 1 (New Orleans)	1.0
Region 2 (Baton Rouge)	0.7
Region 3 (Houma/'Thibodaux)	1.6
Region 4 (Lafayette)	0.4
Region 5 (Lake Charles)	1.4
Region 6 (Alexandria)	0.6
Region 7 (Shreveport)	0.7
Region 8 (Monroe)	1.4
Region 9 (North Shore)	0.8

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